

## OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## MEMORANDUM

September 19, 2016

**TO:** Hon. Nancy Floreen, President, County Council

Hon. Isiah Leggett, County Executive

**FROM:** Edward L. Blansitt

Inspector General

**SUBJECT:** Final Report: Montgomery County Information Systems Security

The Office of the Inspector General has completed our review of information systems security, particularly over personally identifiable information, at Montgomery County. Our objective in conducting this review was to assess whether the county is taking reasonable steps to safeguard such data.

County code section 2-151(k) requires that an Office of the Inspector General report must be made public, subject to the state public information act (MPIA). The MPIA, MD Code, General Provisions, Par. 4-338 states, "A custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains information about the security of an information system." Accordingly, only this memorandum will be distributed to County Councilmembers, made publicly available, and posted to our web site. The full report may, however, be made available confidentially to and discussed with Councilmembers in closed session.

cc: County Council Members Steve Farber, Council Administrator Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer